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SUB: HARMEL SPEECH ON US- EUROPEAN RELATIONS

1. FORMER FONMIN HARMEL DELIVERED ADDRESS AT BELGO- AMERICAN ASSOCIATION LUNCH MAY 3 CONCEIVED AS A RESPONSE TO KISSINGER NEW YORK SPEECH, WHICH HE SAID MERITED THE CLOSEST ATTENTION. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS.

KISSINGER SPEECH DESCRIBED AS " LOGICAL FOLLOW- UP" TO INTENTIONS EXPRESSED AT PARIS SUMMIT ON US- EC RELATIONS.

PHILOSOPHY OF KISSINGER SPEECH PLACES EC AT CENTER OF US- EUROPEAN DIALOGUE.

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THE CLAIM THAT THE US HAS GLOBAL INTERESTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES WHILE EUROPE HAS ONLY REGIONAL INTERESTS IS CONTESTABLE.

IT WOULD NOT BE FEASIBLE TO SUBSTITUTE A SINGLE NEGOTIATION OF A PACKAGE DEAL (FOR EXAMPLE) WITH MILITARY AND ECONOMIC TRADE OFFS) FOR THE SEVERAL SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN MONETARY, COMMERCIAL, POLITICAL AND MILITARY FIELDS.

IT IS ASSUMED KISSINGER DOES NOT HAVE IN MIND AN AMENDMENT TO THE ATLANTIC TREATY.

REFERENCE TO THE ATLANTIC CHARTER IS, HOWEVER, MOST APPROPRIATE, SINCE THE OBJECTIVE WOULD BE TO " ESTABLISH IN A SOLEMN DOCUMENT THE GENERAL OBJECTIVES AND THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY AND COOPERATION WHICH WILL GOVERN, IN THE FUTURE, THE RELATIONS OF ALL KINDS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES, ON THE ONE HAND, AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ON THE OTHER; IT WILL ACT AS A GUIDE TO THE SPECIFIC NEGOTIATIONS ALREADY UNDER WAY AND THOSE TO COME, AND TO FIX THE METHOD FOLLOWING WHICH OUTSTANDING ISSUES BETWEEN THE US AND THE EC WILL BE TREATED IN THE FUTURE."

EUROPE MUST RESPOND, AND THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE NINE COULD BE CHARGED WITH PREPARING A COMMON DRAFT.

THE RESPONSE SHOULD ESTABLISH RELATIONS ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY AND A COMMON WILL TO UNDERSTAND ONE ANOTHER'S PROBLEMS AND SHOULD CALL FOR AN ACCEPTANCE BY THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS THE REST OF THE WORLD.

2. PAUL NOTERDAEME, WHO WAS HARMEL'S CHEF DE CABINET AND IS SERVING MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE IN THE SAME CAPACITY, INFORMED EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT HE AND POLITICAL DIRECTOR GENERAL DAVIGNON HAD SPENT TWO HOURS WITH HARMEL GOING OVER THE DRAFT, WHICH HAD ALSO BEEN READ BY VAN ELSLANDE. NOTERDAEME IMPLIED THAT IT THEREFORE COULD BE SAID TO HAVE MINISTRY APPROVAL BUT ASKED THAT THIS BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS BY SEPARATE CABLE.

3. AT APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITIES IN DISCUSSION WITH GOB OFFICIALS WE SHALL DRAW ON STATE 80688 TO CLARIFY QUESTION
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OF GLOBAL VERSUS REGIONAL INTERESTS.
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